GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary followed by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State and Defence Secretary visited New Delhi and Islamabad in the first week of June this year for defusing tension between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) The U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and the U.S. Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld visited India on June 6 7 and June 11-12, respectively.

(b) They conveyed to Government President Musharraf`s pledge on immediate, visible and permanent end to cross-border infiltration and his assurance to dismantle terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. They expressed hope for de-escalatory measures from India on the basis of progress in the implementation of President Musharraf`s pledge.